

Technical Compliance Advisor Puerto Rico Police Reform (Police Monitor)

Mr. Arnaldo Claudio is a retired Army Colonel and a native of Santurce, Puerto Rico. He attended the University of Puerto Rico and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on January 5, 1979, in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps. During his 30 years of military service he held numerous highly sensitive positions culminating as Chief of Staff and Chief of Police, Joint Force Headquarters - National Capital Region (JFHQ-NCR) and U.S. Army Military District of Washington (MDW). Some of his most prominent assignments included: Chief Security Operations for Pope John Paul II; Special Forces/Police Advisor for Presidential Hostage Rescue Forces, Colombian Armed Forces; Military Group Advisor for Counternarcotics and Counterterrorism, Peru, El Salvador and Bolivia; Assistant to the Special Advisor for Central and Eastern European Affairs of the Office of the Secretary General, NATO for counter-narcotics; White House Senior Drug Control Analyst Central America/Caribbean, Office of the National Drug Control Policy; Police Advisor, Cuban and Haitian Refugees Operations, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Joint Staff Interagency representative in the development of the Government of Panama National Security Strategy; Department of Defense Security Coordinator and Interagency Coordinator for President Ronald Reagan and President Gerald R. Ford’s State Funerals and President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama’s Presidential Inauguration; Brigade Commander, Military Police Brigade, 25th Infantry Division; and Provost Marshal/Chief of Police Multinational Coalition Forces and XVIII Airborne Corps, Iraq. Upon Retirement from the U.S. Army, he served as the Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Oversight and Compliance, Department of Veterans Affairs. In March 2009, he joined the Peace Corps as the Chief of Staff/Operations, Volunteer Recruitment and Selection until he transitioned to JFHQ-NCR in February 2010. On 6 June 2014, Mr. Claudio was confirmed by the Federal District Judge in Puerto Rico as the Technical Compliance Advisor (Police Monitor) for the Puerto Rico Police Reform.



Mr. Claudio’s significant military and civilian awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2 OLC), Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (7 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4 OLC), National Defense Service Medal (with Star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2 OLC), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (1 OLC), Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (7th), Inter-American Defense Board Ribbon, U.S. Army Combat Action Badge, U.S. Army Airborne Badge, U.S. Army Air Assault Badge, United States Air Force Senior Security Police Badge, Republic of Colombia - Military Order of Merit Award (Jose Maria de Cordova), Colombian Airborne Badge, Colombian Urban Counterterrorist Badge, German Spotabzeichen, German Airborne Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, Inter-American Defense Board Identification Badge, Order of the Marchaussee (Military Police in Bronze), Order of Saint Barbara (Field Artillery), Order of Saint Maurice (Legionnaire, Infantry), United States Capitol Police Distinguished Service Medal and the Civilian Joint Service Achievement and Joint Service Meritorious Medal.

Mr. Claudio also earned a Master of Science Degree in Education from Jacksonville State University and is a graduate of the Inter-American Defense College where he completed a thesis titled, “*The United States National Drug Control Strategy and its Impact on Latin America*”, based on his personal experiences working with White House US Drug Czar, General Barry McCaffrey. Presently Mr. Claudio is a Doctoral candidate at the Colorado Technical University with a concentration in Homeland Security. Mr. Claudio’s other significant publications include: Peru, Sendero Luminoso and the Narco Trafficking Alliance, Bolivian Armed Forces and the War on Drugs, Training Foreign Police Forces: Assisting El Salvador in its Transitions to Peace. His most

recent publication was published by the “Revista Jurica” of Puerto Rico, Inter-American University; an abstract of his dissertation titled “Communications Gaps in the Interagency: Let’s Chatter Better”. Mr. Claudio is also a graduate of the FBI’s Citizen’s Academy, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the Joint Staff Senior level Counterterrorism School. During his tenure at ONDCP he assisted in the development and implementation of U.S. Government counter-drug policies, strategies, and programs governing counter-narcotics activities of all defense and federal agencies; assessed the effectiveness of counter-drug programs in Central America and the Caribbean and made recommendations to the Director of ONDCP, a senior US cabinet official. During his tenure as Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region, Interagency Program Director Mr. Claudio was the direct representative for the Commanding General in matters related to the integration and synchronization of Homeland Defense and Defense Support to Civilian Authorities within the JFHQ-NCR. He coordinated directly with local, state and federal partners concerning National Security Special Events within the NCR Interagency (FBI, Secret Service, US Capitol Police, FEMA, HLS, Metro Police Department, Fire and Rescue, others) and lead the critical relationships that JFHQ-NCR sustains with governmental and non-governmental agencies on a daily basis, which played a critical role in the ability to execute operational plans for the safety and security of the Nation’s Capital. Mr. Claudio possesses a TOP SECRET/SCI clearance adjudicated by the Department of Defense.